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Nominations Open for Statewide Preservation Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. In their 23rd year, the awards are sponsored by the SC Department of Archives and History, SC Archives and History Foundation, Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, and Office of the Governor. The six award categories are:

- Honor Awards
- Stewardship Awards
- Preservation Service Awards
- Heritage Tourism Award
- Elected Official Honor Award
- Governor's Award

The nomination form is available at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/awards.aspx> (on left side of page) as are lists of awards from prior years. For more information, contact Grace Salter at 803-896-0339, gsalter@scdah.sc.gov. **Nominations must be postmarked by March 17, 2017.**

Save the Date: Preservation Conference April 21, 2017

We have a great lineup of sessions and are finalizing the registration brochure for the preservation conference. Please watch your mailboxes for the brochure in early March or check online at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx> for more information.

New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

Olympia Union Hall at 119 S. Parker Street in Columbia was listed in the National Register on January 24, 2017. The Olympia Union Hall joins Olympia Mill and Olympia Armory as National Register listed properties associated with the history of the Olympia Mill Community. The imposing masonry building is distinguished by the distinctive brick buttresses that are found at the four corners of the building. The building was listed at the local level of significance under Criterion A in the area of social history. The building's association with the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA) Local 254 situates it within the broader context of Columbia's economic history. The Olympia Union Hall recalls mill workers' efforts to organize in defense of their rights and maintain and improve the social services once provided by the Olympia Mill company. The union hall building stands as visual reminder of the struggle between workers and mill management that characterized Columbia's early twentieth-century textile economy and the all-important civic support the union provided for families in Columbia's Olympia community. The period of significance extends from the building's completion in 1946 to 1975, when Columbia became the site of the first chapter of the Carolina Brown Lung Association, a group that worked to bring attention to the health problems associated with conditions that they encountered in textile mills, specifically a condition known as byssinosis, or brown lung disease. The building was the site of early organizational meetings and health screenings carried out by the Carolina Brown Lung Association in 1975.

The **United States Post Office and Court House** (Donald Stuart Russell Federal Courthouse) at 201 Magnolia Street in Spartanburg was listed in the National Register on January 31, 2017. The U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Spartanburg was built in 1931. Its construction was the result of the Public Buildings Act of 1926, which precipitated an unprecedented period of federal building construction in the United States. It was designed by the Office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury and completed at a cost of \$300,000. The building served to combine a regional postal facility with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of South Carolina, while also providing offices for several other federal agencies. It was listed in the National Register for its significance both under Criterion A for its association with the federal government's building program, and under Criterion C for its representation of Georgian Revival architecture. One notable feature is the tower on the south elevation, which is suggestive of Collegiate Gothic architecture and offers a subtle break from the style of the rest of the building. In 1994 the building was designated as the "Donald Stuart Russell Federal Courthouse," named in honor of Donald S. Russell who served as president of the University of South Carolina (1952-57), S.C. Governor (1963-65), U.S. Senator (1965-66), U.S. District Court Judge (1966-71), and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge (1971-98). It remains in use as a federal courthouse and home to federal agencies.

Next Meeting of the State Review Board: March 24, 2017

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 10:30 am at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. The following nominations will be considered at the meeting:

- Fort Mitchel, Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County
- Jackson Street Cottages, Charleston, Charleston County
- Magnolia Umbra Cemetery Historic District, Charleston, Charleston County
- Lawton-Seabrook Cemetery, Edisto Island, Charleston County
- Waikiki Village Motel, Myrtle Beach, Horry County
- Champion and Pearson Funeral Home, Columbia, Richland County

For more information about the agenda and the State Board of Review, see <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/natreg/Pages/Board.aspx> or contact Ehren Foley at efoley@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182 or Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179.

Manual for Owners of Historic Buildings

The SHPO recently posted the *Manual for Owners of Historic Buildings* online. Check out the link [here](#).

USC Lancaster Native American Studies Center

The University of South Carolina Lancaster's Native American Studies Center has opened three new exhibits. One on Catawba Potter Keith Brown, one on the Cherokee culture in South Carolina curated by the Piedmont American Indian Association and one called *Share a Little of that Human Touch: The Prehistory of South Carolina* on Native American archaeology. The NASC is located at 119 South Main Street, Lancaster, and the phone number is 803-313-7172. Additional info can be found at the following link <http://usclancaster.sc.edu/nas/NASWeek/2017/poster-wthPR.pdf>.

Call for Papers for Architectural History Conference

The **Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference** is accepting paper proposals for its 2017 annual conference to be held in Lynchburg, VA. More information is available here <http://sesah.org/2017/01/22/cfp-for-sesah-annual-conference-in-lynchburg-va/>. **The deadline is March 31, 2017.**

Conferences / Workshops / Events

NEW Grants Research and Proposal Writing Classes, SC State Library, Columbia. Classes are free; however, registration is required. For more information, please contact Dawn Mullin, Information Services Librarian at 803-737-3762.

- **Grants Research: Finding a Funder for Your Nonprofit Organization:** This class helps individuals working with nonprofit organizations locate information on grants available from private foundations and corporations using the State Library's electronic and print resources. Sessions run from 10:00 am to noon and are offered on two different dates: Friday, March 10, and Thursday, April 27.
- **Proposal Writing Basics:** This class will focus on what needs to be included in all your grant proposals. Sessions run from 10:00 am to noon and are offered on two different dates: Thursday, March 30, and Friday, May 19.

National Center for Preservation Training and Technology (NCPTT) Spring Workshops

- [Preserving Historic Masonry and Low-Fired Brick](#), March 7-9, 2017, Natchitoches, LA
- [Introduction to the Care of Historic Cemeteries](#), April 7, 2017, Bardstown, KY
- [3D Digital Documentation Summit](#), April 18-20, 2017, New Orleans, LA
- [Archaeological Prospection Workshop](#), May 15-19, 2017, Garfield, AR

National Preservation Institute has several workshops scheduled in the Southeast this spring:

- [Section 106: A Review for Experienced Practitioners](#), April 4-5, 2017, Atlanta, GA
- [Traditional Cultural Places](#), April 6-7, 2017, Atlanta, GA
- [Section 106: An Introduction](#), April 19-21, 2017, Fredericksburg, VA
- [The Recent Past: Strategies for Evaluation](#), May 9-10, 2017, Tallahassee, FL

NEW SC Federation of Museums Annual Conference, March 8-10, 2017, Walterboro. Visit <http://www.southcarolinamuseums.org/conference> for more information.

Preservation Advocacy Week, March 14-16, 2017, Washington, DC. Registration information is available here <http://www.preservationaction.org/advocacy-week/>.

International Architectural Paint Research Conference, March 15-17, 2017, New York, NY. For more information visit [International Architectural Paint Research Conference](#).

Traditional Building Conference, March 28-29, 2017, Charleston. The conference will take place at the Mills House Hotel in downtown Charleston. Half-day, one-day, two-day, and group registrations are available. Up to ten AIA mostly HSW Learning Units will be available. The theme is the "Materials and Methods of Traditional Building and Historic Preservation." For information, please visit www.traditionalbuildingshow.com or contact Judy Hayward at jhayward@aimmedia.com or 802-674-6752.

NEW Landmark Conference, April 6-8, 2017 in Berkeley County. Program and registration information is available here <http://schistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Final-Landmark-Registration-Packet.pdf>.

SC Historic Preservation Conference, April 21, 2017, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Details on the program and registration will be available at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>. Comments and suggestions can be sent to Grace Salter, gsalter@scdah.sc.gov or Elizabeth Johnson, ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov.

National Council on Public History, April 19-22, 2017, Indianapolis, IN. Information on registration, lodging, and conference exhibiting can be found here: <http://ncph.org/conference/2017-annual-meeting/>. **Early bird registration through March 8, 2017.**

Main Street Now Conference, May 1-3, 2017, Pittsburgh, PA. For more information visit [Main Street Now! Conference](#).

NEW Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation Annual Meeting, May 24-27, 2017, Calgary, Canada. Conference details and registration information is available here <http://ahlp.org/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-2017/>.

Vernacular Architecture Forum 2017 Annual Meeting, May 31-June 3, 2017, Salt Lake City, UT. For more information visit the VAF website at www.vafweb.org.

Transforming Public History from Charleston to the Atlantic World, June 15-17, 2017, Charleston. Please see the conference page for more information <http://claw.cofc.edu/conferences/2017-conference/>.

American Association of State and Local History, September 6-9, 2017, Austin, TX. More information is available at <http://about.aaslh.org/conference/>.

NEW Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, October 11-14, 2017, Lynchburg, VA. More information is available at <http://sesah.org/2017-annual-conference-in-lynchburg-va/>.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW March 15, 2017 National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Favrot and Mitchell Fund and Appell Fund applications are due by March 15, see <http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/find-funding>. For additional information about National Trust grants, contact the grants office at grants@savingplaces.org or by calling 202-588-6277.

Online sources of grant information:

[National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) Finding Preservation Funding
[Preservation Directory](#) Grants and Funding Resources
[State Library](#) Grants Research Assistance
[SC Grantmakers Network](#)
[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov
[Foundation Center](#) Foundation Directory Online

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